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ABSTRACT

Characteristics of 187 free universities and 21 learning referral centers and information on registrations and referrals, finance, and staffing are examined, based on 1982 followup survey results. A free university is broadly defined as an organization that offers to the general public ungraded, unaccredited classes that anyone can teach; learning referral centers allow persons to register their learning needs and help match potential learners with resource people. Information is provided on the following: number of free universities and centers by year founded, affiliation, and eligibility for activities; number and percent of registrations and referrals by school affiliation; number and percent of free universities and centers charging fees for services; expenditures of free universities by expenditure size and type of expenditure, and of centers, by type of expenditure; revenues of free universities, by expenditure size and source of revenue, and of centers, by source of revenue; number of staff in free universities and centers, by paid staff size and pay status; and number of sections offered by free universities, for selected subjects. Information on the survey methodology and a directory of free universities and learning referral centers are included. (SW)

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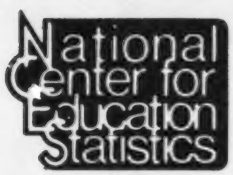

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Foreword

Free Universities and Learning Referral Centers, 1981 represents a follow-up to the original survey conducted about these organizations in 1978. Public Law 93-380 requires that the National Center for Education Statistics study and report on the status of all sectors and levels of education in the United States.

The free university movement began at the University of California at Berkeley in 1964. A free university is broadly defined as an organization that offers to the general public ungraded, unaccredited classes that anyone can teach and in which anyone can learn. Courses are taught on practically any subject thought to be of interest, and admission of participants is open. They are defined as a specific type of organization under whose auspices noncredit, nondegree classes are offered to the general adult public. They usually issue catalogs of their offerings, charge only a small fee, and operate on a low budget. They often are called free universities, experimental colleges, free schools, and communiversities.

Learning referral centers serve as a focal point for persons to register their learning needs to ascertain who might provide the needed information. Others call the center to indicate that they would be willing to serve as a resource in a particular area. The learning center matches potential learners with resource persons.

This second national survey of free universities and learning referral centers was conducted during early 1982. All reported data are for the calendar year ending in December 1981. The survey was conducted for NCES by the Learning Resources Network, William A. Draves, Director. The project was coordinated by Evelyn R. Kay of NCES.

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Introduction

Among the newest and most innovative educational institutions in the country are free universities and learning referral centers. They began without Federal or State funding as an outgrowth of student activism on college and university campuses in the mid-1960's. Since then, free universities and learning referral centers have expanded their student base to include the general public, such as elderly persons and pre-college youth.

Free Universities

During the mid- to late 1960's, free universities were primarily a campus phenomenon, with the leadership and participants almost exclusively student-based. The course content was often social or political in nature. Between 1971 and 1975, campus-based free universities became less visible. Some became independent from colleges and universities, and some were taken over by independent organizations or community agencies. As the orientation of free universities turned more toward the community, participants increasingly came from the general population. The curriculum expanded to include practical skills, arts and crafts, humanities, and personal awareness.

Since 1978, the number of free universities has increased, and enrollments have grown as more adults participated in lifelong learning. In 1981, there were a total of 187 free universities, up from 146 in 1978. The number of registrations during that period grew correspondingly. In 1978, they totaled almost 300,000; in 1981, approximately 550,000 registrations were reported.

Learning Referral Centers

The first learning referral center was set up in Evanston, Illinois, in 1971. Since then, an estimated 125 learning referral centers have been established around the country. However, only 20 to 30 have been in existence at any one time. Major problems affecting learning referral centers are low budgets, combined with the inability to afford permanent, full-time staff. The success of the centers is often closely related to the ability to recruit interested and dedicated volunteer staff. Still, a need for their services seems to be growing: about 10,000 more referrals were reported in 1981 than in 1978.

General Characteristics of Free Universities and Learning Referral Centers

The completed survey identified 187 free universities and 21 learning referral centers. Two of the organizations identified themselves as both a free university and a referral center and are therefore counted in both categories. A list of the free universities and learning referral centers included in the survey is shown in the appendix.

The majority of both free universities and learning referral centers are relatively new organizations. For example, over 60 percent of all free universities were founded in 1975 or later (table 1). Only 32 free universities (17 percent) are over 10 years old. Similarly, only 2 of the 21 learning referral centers were founded before 1971.

The number of free universities increased 28 percent, rising from 146 in 1978 to 187 in 1981. College-related free universities increased from 88 to 111, and independents from 45 to 55. The largest gain occurred with the community organizations, such as local libraries, churches, and YWCA/YMCA's, increasing from 12 to 21 organizations. The following tabulation summarizes these data:

Type of organization	1978	1981	Percent change
Total	146	187	28
College/university	88	111	26
Community organization	12	21	75
Independent	45	55	22
Other	1	—	—

These figures refer to the organizations operating at the time of the two surveys. They do not account for the free universities that may have been established and then ceased to exist before 1978 or between 1978 and 1981. This was not unusual. For example, only 74 of the institutions in the 1981 survey were in the 1978 survey.

Most of the free universities and learning referral centers were affiliated with a college or university (table 1). Of this type, almost half (54) were sponsored by a college union, and one-third (40) were associated with a student-run organization. Independent status has grown substantially, especially among the rural independent free universities. Before 1975, rural independent free universities were virtually nonexistent; 28 such institutions were identified in 1981.

In addition, a total of 21 free universities indicated that they were affiliated with a community organization, down from 42 in 1978. Similar affiliations are noted for learning referral centers: 7 were sponsored by college-related organizations, and the remainder were independent or affiliated with a community organization.

Despite the fact that most free universities and learning referral centers originated on the college campus in 1981, almost all were open to anyone. This applied to over 77 percent of the free universities and approximately 80 percent of the learning referral centers. Only 27 free universities restricted enrollment to college or university-related persons and their families, and 8 were open only to adults.

Free universities and learning referral centers are found in 43 States and the District of Columbia. The largest number of these are in Kansas, with 29. New York had 15, Illinois and Kentucky had 13, and Texas had 12. Seven States had no free universities or learning referral centers: Alaska, Hawaii, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Registrations and Referrals

Free universities reported a total of over 547,000 registrations[1] in 1981, or an average of slightly over 3,000 registrations per institution (table 2). This figure was up 29 percent over 1980, when the same institutions reported a total of over 423,000 registrations. Learning referral centers reported over 38,000 referrals in 1981 and almost 26,000 in 1980.

While the number of registrations in free universities increased dramatically over those reported in 1978 (more than 298,000), the numbers are not directly comparable, since the universe of institutions has changed. However, as in 1978, the majority of registrations were reported by a small number of institutions. For example, of the more than 547,000 registrations reported in 1981, over 326,000 (60 percent) were accounted for by only 13 free universities. Over three-fourths of the free universities had total registrations of less than 2,000 in 1981.

A similar situation existed in learning referral centers, where 3 institutions accounted for over three-fourths of the total referrals in 1981, and half of the centers had less than 250 referrals during the year. Overall, free universities exhibited a 29 percent increase in registrations from 1980 to 1981, and learning centers a 49 percent increase in referrals.

Over 93 percent of the total registrations in free universities were accounted for by college-related organizations and urban independents (table 3). In 1981, almost 259,000 registrations were reported by college-related institutions, with student-run organizations accounting for over half. Urban independents were by far the largest single group of institutions, with an average size of over 9,000 registrations in 1981.

Community-related organizations and urban independents accounted for the majority of referrals made by learning centers in 1981 with over 97 percent of the referrals. Referrals in other types of learning centers were virtually zero in 1981.

[1] The number of registrations represents a duplicated count of persons enrolled.

Expenditures, Revenues, Fees, and Staff

In 1981, none of the free universities or learning referral centers included in the survey was "free." Every one of the organizations charged some type of fee for their services (table 4), ranging from registration fees to materials and teacher fees. The most commonly used fee among free universities was the teacher, class, or service fee charged for individual activities, used by almost 50 percent of the organizations.

A large number of free universities also charged a registration fee for the use of the organization's services. Approximately one-third of the institutions charged a materials fee.

Expenditures

The 185 free universities that reported expenditures spent over $5 million on their operations in 1981 (table 5). Almost 80 percent of this amount was accounted for by the 22 largest free universities, those whose annual expenditures exceeded $50,000. No other group of institutions accounted for more than 10 percent of the total expenditures by free universities in 1981. Almost 40 percent of the institutions reported annual expenditures of $1,000 or less.

As a rule, the largest expenditures made by free universities in 1981 were for teacher fees and staff salaries; these two categories together accounted for two-thirds of the total. Lesser amounts were spent for catalogs, brochures, and advertising (13.6 percent), facilities (7.4 percent), and other expenses (12.4 percent). There were some notable exceptions to the expenditure distribution, however, by size of the organization. For example, the percentage of total expenditures devoted to staff salaries and teacher fees was significantly lower for the organizations with lower total expenditures; those with expenditures of $1,000 or less spent 37 percent of their totals on these categories, as opposed to 67 percent for all institutions.

One rather surprising finding was the high percentage of expenditures for catalogs, brochures, and advertising in the smaller-sized organizations. For example, free universities with total expenditures of $1,000 or less spent over 45 percent on this category in 1981.

Learning referral centers spent slightly under $500,000 in 1981. Unlike free universities, however, learning centers expended only a small fraction on teacher fees. The greatest expenditures were for staff salaries, over 60 percent of the total.

Revenues

A total of almost $5,389,000 in revenues were reported by the 185 free universities that responded to this question (table 6). On the average, the principal revenue sources for free universities were registration fees and teacher, class, or service fees from participants. Other sources of income reported included revenues from affiliated institutions, contracts and grants, gifts, benefits and fundraisers, and student government support. As with expenditures, the largest portion of revenues were accounted for by the 22 largest free universities, over 77 percent. The smallest 72 organizations accounted for approximately 1 percent of the total revenues of free universities.

The size of the free university (based on total expenditures) reveals striking dissimilarities in the relative importance of various revenue sources. For example, the smaller the organization, the more dependent it was on revenues from institutions with which it was affiliated. The largest organizations, on the other hand, appear to have been more able to rely on self-generating revenues. In these organizations, almost 90 percent of their revenues were from registration and teacher fees, and only 3 percent came from student governments or other affiliated institutions. Conversely, the smallest free universities receive almost 50 percent of their support from student governments and affiliated institutions; only 36 percent of their revenues were derived from registration fees and teacher fees.

Staff

Free universities depend heavily on part-time employees and volunteers. In 1981, over 40 percent of the total staff in free universities were unpaid workers; of these, 97 percent were part-time (table 7). Of the approximately 1,700 paid workers in free universities, only 13 percent were employed full-time. In terms of the number of paid employees, the smaller-sized free universities tended to have a higher proportion of full-time workers than did the free universities with larger staff. This is probably because smaller organizations often employ only one or two staff members.

The majority of free universities had relatively small staffs in 1981. Almost 82 percent of the free universities surveyed had less than 10 staff persons, including volunteers. Only 2 institutions had more than 100 employees, about half of whom were paid.

Free universities reported a total of over 34,000 sections[2] offered in 1982 (table 8). This information was gathered through an analysis of course catalogs and listings provided by free universities.

Of the more than 34,000 sections reported, over 34 percent were in the area of citizenship and civic activities. This area includes subjects such as interpersonal skills, leisure and recreational activities and personal awareness, as well as health-related activities and citizenship/civic activities. The second highest number of sections was in the area of the visual and performing arts. These two categories accounted for over 55 percent of sections offered by free universities.

[2] Individual offerings of courses.

Methodology

The universe of free universities and learning referral centers used here was derived from the lists maintained by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), the Education Brokering Service in Syracuse University, and the National Center for Education Brokering. The lists included member organizations of the Learning Resources Network and known organizations that were eligible to become members.

A survey instrument was mailed in January 1982 to all names and addresses obtained from these lists. Three followups were conducted; a postcard reminder, a second mailing of the survey instrument, and a telephone reminder/interview. The final closeout of the survey was July 1982, with all of the identified organizations responding.

The survey questions were essentially the same as those used in the 1978 survey. The course listing, however, used NCES' new coding system, **Classification of Instructional Programs**, which precludes comparing course data between the two surveys.

Detailed Tables

Table 1.—Number of free universities and learning referral centers, by year founded, affiliation and eligibility for activities: United States, 1981

Year founded	Total	Affiliation									Eligibility			
		College-related					Independent							
		Total	College union	Div. of continuing education	Student organization	Other college	Total	Urban independent	Rural community education	Community organization	Open to anyone	Adults only	College and university personnel	Other
Free universities														
Total	187	111	54	8	40	9	76	27	28	21	144	8	27	7
1981-1982	21	9	6	0	3	0	12	4	8	0	16	0	5	0
1979-1980	35	9	3	0	4	2	26	5	11	10	29	1	3	2
1977-1978	27	16	9	1	5	1	11	4	3	4	21	0	5	1
1975-1976	30	16	9	0	7	0	14	5	6	3	23	1	5	1
1973-1974	21	18	14	0	2	2	3	1	0	2	13	3	5	0
1971-1972	20	17	8	2	7	0	3	2	0	1	14	1	2	3
Before 1971	32	25	4	5	12	4	7	6	0	1	28	2	2	0
Not reported	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Learning referral centers														
Total	21	7	2	1	3	1	14	9	1	4	17	1	2	1
1981-1982	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
1979-1980	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1977-1978	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	4	1	1	5	1	0	1
1975-1976	4	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0
1973-1974	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	3	0	0	0
1971-1972	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Before 1971	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Not reported	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Table 2.—Registrations and referrals, by size: United States, 1980 and 1981

Size in 1981	Number of organizations	1981	1980
Free universities		Registrations	
Total	187	547,087	423,151
10,000 +	13	326,678	236,633
5,000-9,999	10	72,695	63,594
2,000-4,999	19	62,933	50,404
1,000-1,999	32	44,823	49,320
500-999	34	23,787	12,787
250-499	31	11,432	6,569
Less than-250	48	4,739	3,844
Learning centers		Referrals	
Total	21	38,035	25,535
10,000 +	1	14,350	7,500
5,000-9,999	2	14,500	16,000
2,000-4,999	2	5,650	0
1,000-1,999	1	1,000	0
500-999	2	1,480	570
250-499	2	700	350
Less than-250	11	355	1,115

Table 3.—Number and percent of registrations and referrals, by school affiliation: United States, 1980 and 1981

Affiliation	Number of organizations	1981		1980	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Free universities			Registrations		
Total	187	547,087	100.0	423,151	100.0
College-related, total	111	258,677	47.3	239,902	56.7
College union	54	75,788	13.9	73,982	17.5
Division of continuing education	8	27,383	5.0	26,873	6.4
Student organization	40	144,156	26.3	128,946	30.5
Other college	9	11,350	2.1	10,101	2.4
Urban independent	27	251,887	46.0	163,209	38.6
Rural community education	28	17,215	3.1	8,688	2.1
Community organization	21	19,308	3.5	11,352	2.7
Learning centers			Referral		
Total	21	38,035	100.0	25,535	100.0
College-related, total	7	750	2.0	1,280	5.0
College union	2	400	1.1	0	.0
Division of continuing education	1	300	.8	350	1.4
Student organization	3	0	.0	895	3.5
Other college	1	50	.1	35	.1
Urban independent	9	14,835	39.0	6,655	26.1
Rural community education	1	100	.3	50	.2
Community organization	4	22,350	58.8	17,550	68.7

Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 4.—Number and percent of free universities and learning referral centers charging fees for services: United States, 1981

Fees	Free universities		Learning referral centers	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	187	100.0	21	100.0
Registration fee to use organization's service	85	45.5	4	19.0
Teacher, class, or service fee for individual activities	93	49.7	7	33.3
Materials fee	64	34.2	7	33.3
Other fees	25	13.4	10	47.6
No fee	0	0.0	0	0.0

NOTE: Details add to more than total because of multiple responses.

Table 5.—Expenditures of free universities, by expenditure size and type of expenditure, and of learning centers, by type of expenditure: United States, 1981

Expenditure size	Number of reporting organizations	Total expenditures	Teacher fees	Staff salaries	Facilities	Catalogs, brochures, and advertising	Other
Free universities			Percentage distribution				
Total	185[1]	$5,036,282	39.0	27.6	7.4	13.6	12.4
$50,000+	22	3,955,459	40.3	27.0	7.8	12.0	12.8
$25,001-50,000	14	477,169	36.6	29.5	5.5	18.6	9.9
$10,001-25,000	24	363,664	33.1	35.4	6.9	15.2	9.4
$5,001-10,000	17	122,608	39.4	18.1	7.3	17.3	17.9
$1,001-5,000	36	98,418	23.1	28.2	2.0	34.9	11.7
Less than $1,001	72	18,964	25.3	11.6	2.7	45.3	15.1
Learning centers							
Total	21	479,218	0.8	60.6	7.1	6.1	25.4

[1] Total reporting.
Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 6.—Revenues of free universities, by expenditure size and source of revenue, and of learning centers, by source of revenue: United States, 1981

Expenditure size	Number of reporting organizations	Total revenues	Contracts and grants	Registrations	Related institutions	Donations	Benefits fund, special project	Student government	Teacher fees	Other
Free universities			Percentage distribution							
Total	185[1]	$5,388,822	3.2	48.5	3.5	0.5	0.9	3.5	35.8	4.0
$50,000 +	32	4,161,142	3.6	50.0	1.9	.2	.6	1.1	39.3	3.2
$25,001-50,000	14	516,632	.6	56.2	10.5	1.0	.0	4.3	25.2	2.3
$10,001-25,000	24	401,524	.4	41.9	3.3	1.1	4.0	13.9	24.0	11.5
$5,001-10,000	17	121,629	1.8	31.1	4.1	2.3	2.1	27.9	28.3	2.4
$1,001-5,000	36	115,787	12.3	23.4	15.2	4.5	2.7	12.5	12.1	17.3
Less than $1,001	72	72,108	5.3	8.4	25.4	1.2	2.9	24.5	27.8	4.4
Learning centers										
Total	21	536,716	12.6	27.7	5.6	4.0	7.2	6.7	1.2	35.0

[1] Total reporting.
Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 7.—Number of staff in free universities and learning referral centers, by paid staff size and pay status: United States, 1981

Number of paid staff	Number of organizations	Total[1]	Staff			
			Paid		Nonpaid	
			Total	Percent full-time	Total	Percent full-time
Free universities						
Total	187	2,674	1,681	13.1	1,094	3.3
Over 100	2	710	360	1.4	350	.6
50-99	5	585	310	3.2	275	.0
25-49	3	225	114	15.8	111	13.5
10-24	24	516	327	21.1	189	5.3
5-9	33	317	213	14.6	104	4.8
Less than 5	120	321	357	24.4	65	6.2
Learning centers						
Total	21	292	169	11.2	123	.0
50 or more	1	103	53	3.8	50	.0
10-49	5	135	75	6.7	60	.0
5-9	2	17	11	9.1	6	.0
Less than 5	13	37	30	30.0	7	.0

[1] Includes paid and nonpaid staff.
Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 8.—Number of sections offered by free universities, for selected subject areas: United States, 1981

Subject area	Number of sections offered	Percent of total
Total	34,336	100.0
Citizenship/civic activities	11,926	34.7
Visual and performing arts	7,209	21.0
Home economics	2,975	8.7
Business	2,475	7.2
Trade and industrial	2,246	6.5
Consumer, personal and miscellaneous services	1,655	4.8
Philosophy, religion, and theology	966	2.8
Communications	800	2.3
Foreign languages	738	2.1
All other subject areas	3,346	9.7

Note: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Appendix:

Directory of Free Universities and Learning Referral Centers

Free Universities

Adams Center Union Board
Troy State University
Troy, AL 36081
205-566-3000; Extension 207

Free University Student Government
Association University of Alabama
Huntsville, AL 35899
205-895-6428

Tucson Free University
1041 East 6th Street
Tucson, AZ 85719

Leisure Learning Memorial Union
Activities Center Arizona State
University Tempe, AZ 85287
602-965-6649

Open University
University of Arkansas
33rd and University
Little Rock, AR 72204
501-569-3210

University For Man
980 Fremont Street
Monterey, CA 93940
408-373-2641

Experimental College
University of California
6 Lower Freeborn
Davis, CA 95616
916-752-2568

Recreation Department
Loyola Marymount University
7107 West 80th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90045
213-642-2769

Feminist Free University
908 "E" Street
San Diego, CA 92101
714-233-8984

Experimental College
9428 Eitwanda Street
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Access To Learning Limited
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